

### Remarks

#### **Amendments to the specification:**

The specification filed herewith has been amended at page 1, lines 3-5 to include a \*CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS\*, to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/924,201, filed August 7, 2001. The application filed herewith is a divisional application of application serial no. 09/924,201.

**Claim to priority of earlier filed application:**

Applicant hereby asserts a claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/924,201. The application filed herewith is a divisional application of application serial no. 09/924,201.

### **Cancellation of claims:**

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 13 and 15 have been canceled as noted above because they are drawn toward a previously prosecuted species.

### Amendments to claims:

Claims 5, 8, 9, 14, 19 and 20 have been amended as shown above.

Claim 5 formerly depended from claim 1 which has been canceled as noted above. Accordingly, claim 5 has been amended herein so as to be put into independent form and so as to include the elements of claim 1. Furthermore, the element "a host device" has been added to claim 5 in response to the Examiner's comments contained in the Office action mailed on 05/14/2003 relating to claim 1 of the above referenced parent application.

Similarly, claim 8 formerly depended from claim 7 which has been canceled as noted above. Accordingly, claim 8 has been amended herein so as to be put into independent form and so as to include the elements of claim 7. Furthermore, the element "a host device" has been added to claim 8 in response to the Examiner's comments contained in the Office action mailed on 05/14/2003 relating to claim 1 of the above referenced parent application.

Claim 9 also formerly depended from claim 7 and has been amended to be put into independent form and to include the elements of claim 7 and to include the element "a host device" for the reasons set forth above with respect to claims 5 and 8.

Claim 14 formerly depended from claim 13 which depended from claim 7. Both claims 7 and 13 have been canceled as noted above. Accordingly, claim 14 has been amended herein so as to be put into independent form and so as to substantially include the elements of claims 7 and 13 in light of the previous amendments to claim 15 which also depended from claim 13, and which was allowed as a result of prosecution of the above referenced parent application.

Claim 17 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Specifically, in line 3 of claim 17, the term “hard disk memory device” has been corrected so as to read, “hard disk memory medium.”

Claims 19 and 20 have been amended so as to more clearly recite what is being claimed. That is, no new elements have been added to claims 19 and 20, but rather the manner in which the elements are presented has been changed to be more precise.

### New claims:

Newly written claims 21-27 are initially presented herein. Support for claims 21-27 is found in the specification at page 10, line 6 through page 19, line 18, as well as in the accompanying drawings.

### Summary:

The Applicant hereby requests timely and favorable action regarding the merits of claims 5, 8, 9, 14 and 19-27.

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